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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri total employment continued to increase in August, and the unemployment rate edged down another two-tenths of a point to 6.2 percent.

The drop in unemployment was the usual seasonal one which occurs in late summer as students and others who did not find summer work leave the labor force. The number of jobless Missourians dropped by about 3800 from July to 156,100 in August.

Both principal measures of employment increased in August. Total employment, the estimate of the number of employed residents of Missouri, grew by 10,300 from July to 2,346,400 in August, a new high level. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, which estimates the number of nonfarm payroll jobs located in the state, increased by 5000 to 2,034,800. Most of this growth took place in durable goods manufacturing, especially the auto industry which rebounded following model changeover layoffs in July. Industries which manufacture electrical equipment and textiles and apparel also experienced increases between July and August.

Compared to a year ago, total employment has grown by nearly 116,000, while unemployment decreased by about 1200, causing the unemployment rate to drop from 6.6 percent in August 1984 to 6.2 percent this August. Nonfarm payroll employment, on the other hand, has grown by only 13,500 over the year, with most of the net growth occurring in services, retail trade, and finance.

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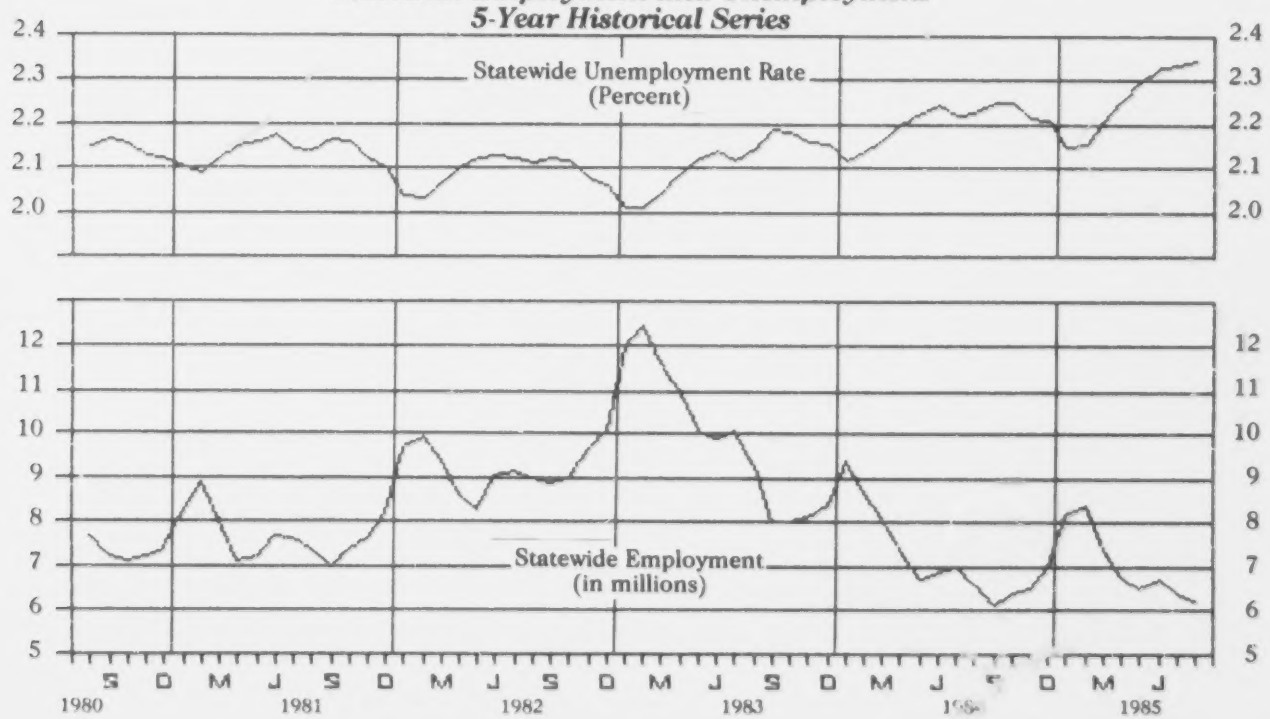

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - AUG 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JUL 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - AUG 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2502462	2346364	156098	6.2	2495985	2336081	159904	6.4	2387804	2230467	157337	6.6
ST. LOUIS MSA	1210458	1119988	90470	7.5	1215490	1124840	90650	7.5	1174420	1083759	90661	7.7
KANSAS CITY MSA	773860	736604	37276	4.8	774541	739620	34921	4.5	742132	701590	40542	5.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	121211	115648	5563	4.6	120309	114368	5941	4.9	117092	111499	5593	4.8
COLUMBIA MSA	62719	60499	2220	3.5	61320	58986	2334	3.8	58051	55885	2166	3.7
JOPLIN MSA	63202	59431	3771	6.0	62344	58394	3950	6.3	58035	54165	3870	6.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42241	39288	2953	7.0	42661	39722	2939	6.9	43002	39752	3250	7.6
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15674	14910	764	4.9	15746	14802	944	6.0	15507	14652	855	5.5
ANDREW	6602	6267	335	5.1	6442	6168	274	4.3	6348	5967	381	6.0
ATCHISON	4152	3958	194	4.7	4162	3963	199	4.8	4366	4018	348	8.0
AUDRAIN	11459	10649	810	7.1	11371	10407	964	8.5	11169	10514	655	5.9
BARRY	12780	12113	667	5.2	12534	11881	653	5.2	11431	10841	590	5.2
BARTON	5351	5164	187	3.5	5739	4989	750	13.1	5125	4980	145	2.8
BATES	7846	7492	354	4.5	7912	7469	443	5.6	7607	7209	398	5.2
BENTON	5936	5617	319	5.4	6036	5647	389	6.4	5422	5125	297	5.5
BOLLINGER	3100	2672	428	13.8	3184	2651	533	16.7	3004	2577	427	14.2
BUTLER	17346	15887	1459	8.4	16876	15399	1477	8.8	16237	14879	1358	8.4
CALDWELL	3468	3309	159	4.6	3601	3418	183	5.1	3579	3371	208	5.8
CALLAWAY	19360	18181	1179	6.1	18983	17761	1222	6.4	18407	17051	1356	7.4
CAMDEN	17677	17031	646	3.7	17583	16846	737	4.2	14492	13848	644	4.4
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32373	31001	1372	4.2	32801	30958	1843	5.6	30203	28541	1662	5.5
CARROLL	4783	4534	249	5.2	4930	4584	346	7.0	4530	4246	284	6.3
CARTER	3015	2678	337	11.2	2910	2511	399	13.7	2714	2438	276	10.2
CEDAR	4726	4323	403	8.5	4706	4309	397	8.4	4451	4169	282	6.3
CHARITON	5226	4920	306	5.9	5356	4967	389	7.3	4954	4633	321	6.5
CLARK	3562	3320	242	6.8	3394	3139	255	7.5	3349	3105	244	7.3
CLINTON	7606	7165	441	5.8	7761	7343	418	5.4	7497	70[illegible]	457	6.1
COLE/OSAGE LMA	39821	37720	2101	5.3	39283	37109	2174	5.5	37054	34585	2469	6.7
COOPER	7213	6771	442	6.1	7144	6664	480	6.7	6852	6437	415	6.1
CRAWFORD	8093	7543	550	6.8	8083	7506	577	7.1	7582	7001	581	7.7
DADE	3916	3736	180	4.6	4036	3758	278	6.9	3843	3672	171	4.4
DALLAS	5145	4792	353	6.9	5327	4865	462	8.7	4583	4255	328	7.2
DAVIESS	3268	3098	190	5.8	3299	3136	163	4.9	3075	2895	180	5.9
DEKALB	3817	3630	187	4.9	3800	3596	204	5.4	3310	3110	200	6.0
DENT	6463	5993	470	7.3	6402	5892	510	8.0	5804	5214	590	10.2
DOUGLAS	4936	4414	522	10.6	5025	4287	738	14.7	4665	4186	479	10.3
DUNKLIN	13132	11841	1291	9.8	13182	11643	1539	11.7	13167	11829	1338	10.2
GASCONADE	7440	7068	372	5.0	7431	7021	410	5.5	7071	6604	467	6.6
GENTRY	4281	4157	124	2.9	4430	4299	131	3.0	3846	3696	150	3.9
GRUNDY	5378	5014	364	6.8	5317	4956	361	6.8	5112	4806	306	6.0
HARRISON	5413	5205	208	3.8	5473	5251	222	4.1	5049	4824	225	4.5
HENRY	10209	9536	673	6.6	10063	9338	725	7.2	9762	9327	435	4.5
HICKORY	2806	2637	169	6.0	2837	2682	155	5.5	2508	2340	168	6.7
HOLT	3662	3522	140	3.8	3662	3553	109	3.0	3467	3311	156	4.5
HOWARD	5007	4626	381	7.6	4968	4656	312	6.3	4514	4287	227	5.0
HOWELL	13681	12466	1215	8.9	13863	12577	1286	9.3	13075	11949	1126	8.6
IRON	3812	3305	507	13.3	3791	3236	555	14.6	4411	3591	820	18.6
JOHNSON	15998	15362	636	4.0	15881	15120	761	4.8	14999	14436	563	3.8
KNOX	2429	2281	148	6.1	2500	2319	181	7.2	2415	2237	178	7.4
LACLEDE	12288	11129	1159	9.4	12389	10733	1656	13.4	11026	10125	901	8.2
LAWRENCE	13203	12348	855	6.5	12947	12184	763	5.9	12193	11427	766	6.3

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	6024	5543	481	8.0	5950	5419	531	8.9	5421	4969	452	8.3
LINCOLN	11047	10792	1055	8.9	11170	10332	838	7.5	10359	9646	713	6.9
LINN	7870	7324	546	6.9	7908	7379	529	6.7	7586	7031	555	7.3
LIVINGSTON	6829	6476	353	5.2	6945	6577	368	5.3	6511	6084	427	6.6
MACON	7531	6898	633	8.4	7532	6751	781	10.4	6779	6357	422	6.2
MADISON	3744	3404	340	9.1	3727	3333	394	10.6	3649	3331	318	8.7
MARIES	3017	2781	236	7.8	3034	2763	271	8.9	2632	2319	313	11.9
MARION/RALLS LMA	19471	18188	1283	6.6	19576	18214	1362	7.0	18425	17091	1334	7.2
MCDONALD	5920	5414	506	8.5	5883	5439	444	7.5	5660	5240	420	7.4
MERCER	1742	1661	81	4.6	1752	1678	74	4.2	1767	1703	64	3.6
MILLER	12037	11357	680	5.6	11649	10922	727	6.2	11085	10320	765	6.9
MISSISSIPPI	7122	6434	688	9.7	6907	6208	699	10.1	6585	5827	758	11.5
MONITEAU	4915	4551	364	7.4	4908	4485	423	8.6	4760	4392	368	7.7
MONROE	5260	4995	265	5.0	4980	4724	256	5.1	4947	4735	212	4.3
MONTGOMERY	5500	5074	426	7.7	5275	4860	415	7.9	5304	4954	350	6.6
MORGAN	6466	5941	525	8.1	6403	5854	549	8.6	6132	5633	499	8.1
NEW MADRID	11945	10934	1011	8.5	11831	10759	1072	9.1	11564	10657	907	7.8
NODAWAY	10739	10399	340	3.2	10746	10419	327	3.5	10094	9723	371	3.7
OREGON	3080	2791	289	9.4	2995	2600	395	13.2	3032	2696	336	11.1
OZARK	4678	4419	259	5.5	4741	4467	274	5.8	4504	4107	397	8.8
PEMISCOT	8607	7779	828	9.6	8580	7585	995	11.6	8648	7273	1375	15.9
PERRY	7737	7309	428	5.5	7757	7193	564	7.3	7313	6802	511	7.0
PETTIS	18019	16723	1296	7.2	18104	16359	1746	9.6	16357	15209	1148	7.0
PHELPS	15779	14969	810	5.1	15591	14683	908	5.8	14701	13824	877	6.0
PIKE	7023	6419	602	8.6	6760	6149	611	9.0	6781	6200	581	8.6
PULASKI	9234	8556	678	7.3	9123	8354	769	8.4	8328	7794	534	6.4
PUTNAM	9721	9101	620	6.4	9566	8751	835	8.7	8931	8178	753	8.4
RANDOLPH	2815	2708	107	3.8	2957	2794	163	5.5	2917	2742	175	6.0
REYNOLDS	12686	11862	824	6.5	12476	11602	874	7.0	11391	10739	652	5.7
RIPLEY	2201	1876	325	14.8	2208	1836	372	16.8	2335	2031	304	13.0
SALINE	3419	3060	359	10.5	3323	2931	392	11.8	3062	2723	339	11.1
SCOTLAND	14734	14119	615	4.2	15014	14210	804	5.4	13875	12470	1405	10.1
SCOTT	2551	2424	127	5.0	2466	2376	90	3.6	2407	2286	121	5.0
SHANNON	17828	16345	1483	8.3	17910	16209	1701	9.5	17010	15459	1551	9.1
SHELBY	2851	2469	382	13.4	2972	2528	444	14.9	3081	2720	361	11.7
ST. CLAIR	3464	3344	120	3.5	3522	3360	162	4.6	3142	3011	131	4.2
ST. FRANCOIS	3881	3663	218	5.6	3877	3689	188	4.8	3736	3539	197	5.3
STE. GENEVIEVE	20538	18558	2000	9.7	19821	17864	1957	9.9	20130	18189	1941	9.6
STODDARD	6456	6030	426	6.6	6490	5984	506	7.8	5767	5340	427	7.4
STONE	13337	12295	1042	7.8	13129	12017	1112	8.5	12231	11202	1079	8.8
SULLIVAN	10459	9869	590	5.6	10287	9544	743	7.2	8966	8437	529	5.9
TANEY	3444	3208	236	6.9	3504	3238	266	7.6	3453	3255	198	5.7
TEXAS	21200	20475	725	3.4	20530	19756	774	3.8	17253	16562	691	4.0
VERNON	7807	6896	911	11.7	7681	6541	1140	14.8	7576	6675	901	11.9
WARREN	10019	9606	413	4.1	10007	9568	439	4.4	9329	8931	398	4.3
WASHINGTON	7457	6891	566	7.6	7173	6774	399	5.6	6143	5780	363	5.9
WAYNE	4601	3699	902	19.6	4504	3635	869	19.3	4552	3700	852	18.7
WEBSTER	4675	4151	524	11.2	4711	4206	505	10.7	4214	3681	533	12.6
WORTH	8345	7664	681	8.2	8501	7604	897	10.6	7357	6720	637	8.7
WRIGHT	1202	1150	52	4.3	1195	1161	34	2.8	1067	1010	57	5.3
	7248	6669	579	8.0	7105	6452	653	9.2	7198	6487	711	9.9

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
August, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non Agri. Employment	2034.8	2029.8	2021.3									
Total Manufacturing	433.1	429.0	433.0	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Durable Goods	248.9	245.9	247.9	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Lumber & Wood Products	10.7	10.5	10.8	244.16	245.22	238.55	39.7	40.6	39.3	6.15	6.04	6.07
Furniture & Fixtures	11.1	11.1	11.0	309.40	302.73	322.18	42.5	41.3	42.9	7.28	7.33	7.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.8	10.7	11.4	412.09	443.04	418.97	39.7	41.6	41.4	10.38	10.65	10.12
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	0.9	541.36	536.45	543.10	39.4	39.1	40.2	13.74	13.72	13.51
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.5	445.44	423.36	438.75	38.6	36.0	39.0	11.54	11.76	11.25
Primary Metal Industries	12.9	12.8	14.0	416.13	401.79	400.98	39.0	37.1	37.3	10.67	10.83	10.75
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.8	2.2	372.26	355.39	346.39	41.5	39.4	40.8	8.97	9.02	8.49
Nonferrous Foundries	3.1	3.2	3.0	347.16	286.72	346.83	44.0	36.6	42.4	7.89	7.67	8.18
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.6	28.0	402.06	398.77	382.82	42.1	41.8	40.9	9.55	9.54	9.36
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	11.3	11.2	10.4	387.99	378.98	373.92	41.9	41.6	41.5	9.26	9.11	9.01
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.7	31.8	32.8	410.18	403.81	390.65	41.1	40.3	39.7	9.98	10.02	9.84
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.1	51.3	51.2	388.10	361.00	358.99	41.2	38.0	40.2	9.42	9.50	8.93
Transportation Equipment	72.5	70.6	69.7	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	32.5	30.0	31.2	550.29	567.24	555.14	41.5	42.3	41.0	13.26	13.41	13.54
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.5	11.6	11.8	300.24	281.12	319.16	40.3	38.3	40.4	7.45	7.34	7.90
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.1	7.0	7.2	240.22	243.75	259.00	36.9	37.5	38.2	6.51	6.50	6.78
Nondurable Goods	184.1	183.1	185.1	340.02	337.12	329.55	39.4	39.2	39.0	8.63	8.60	8.45
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	44.6	44.6	395.35	389.21	398.26	40.8	40.5	41.1	9.69	9.61	9.69
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.1	11.7	11.4	268.03	266.74	267.92	39.3	39.4	39.4	6.82	6.77	6.80
Dairy Products	6.3	6.2	6.4	392.92	401.29	402.05	41.1	42.6	43.0	9.56	9.42	9.35
Grain Mill Products	7.1	7.0	7.1	437.93	411.06	442.80	42.6	40.3	43.2	10.28	10.20	10.25
Bakery Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	384.46	384.29	385.29	38.6	38.2	37.7	9.96	10.06	10.22
Beverages	10.3	10.4	10.1	603.32	602.76	609.19	40.6	41.2	42.1	14.86	14.63	14.47

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred	4.0	4.0	4.2	443.33	410.86	420.26	45.1	42.4	41.9	9.83	9.69	10.03
Textile & Apparel	24.4	23.0	26.1	201.66	192.58	192.58	36.4	35.4	36.2	5.54	5.44	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	13.6	13.7	13.1	383.57	379.49	367.11	41.2	40.2	40.7	9.31	9.44	9.02
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	7.1	7.0	6.7	380.48	385.28	369.96	41.0	40.9	40.7	9.28	9.42	9.09
Printing & Publishing	40.2	40.4	39.9	376.65	374.30	377.71	38.2	38.0	38.7	9.86	9.85	9.76
Commercial Printing	12.8	12.9	12.6	425.20	420.80	446.07	40.0	40.0	40.7	10.63	10.52	10.96
Chemicals & Allied	29.8	30.0	29.2	454.41	451.95	457.97	40.5	40.9	42.2	11.22	11.05	10.85
Leather & Leather Products	17.8	18.3	19.0	205.63	209.06	177.89	37.8	38.5	33.5	5.44	5.43	5.31
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.4	14.8	15.3	199.50	204.29	171.86	37.5	38.4	33.5	5.32	5.32	5.13
Total Nonmanufacturing	1601.7	1600.8	1588.3									
Mining	6.5	6.6	5.9									
Construction	88.1	87.2	89.5									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.4	134.2	133.5									
Railroad Transportation	12.7	12.7	13.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	68.2	69.2	67.6									
Communications	52.5	52.4	52.5									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	491.1	489.0	486.7									
Wholesale Trade	130.3	130.8	131.6									
Retail Trade	360.8	358.2	355.1									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	117.2	117.4	115.2									
Services	451.2	450.0	442.9									
Government	314.3	316.5	314.7									
Federal Government	70.1	70.9	69.5									
State & Local Government	244.1	245.7	245.3									

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

Economic activity appears to have picked up some during the third quarter of the year following several months of sluggishness. The Commerce Department's "flash" estimate of gross national product shows overall economic growth to be taking place at a 2.8 percent annual rate in the third quarter, up from the previous quarter's 1.9 percent.

Various August data suggest that growth may have been accelerating within the quarter. After six months of being mired at 7.3 percent, the nation's unemployment rate fell in August. The new rate -- 7 percent -- is the lowest in more than five years. Both total civilian employment and nonfarm employment increased by about 300,000 over July's levels.

Other economic data also showed some improvement in the latter part of the summer. Industrial production increased in August after remaining unchanged in July, and retail sales increased sharply, led by growth in new car sales. At least part of the gain in sales might be temporary, owing to short-term sales incentives introduced by the auto makers.

OUTLOOK

The recent economic data suggest that the economy may tend to grow moderately in the upcoming months. There does seem to be some upward momentum in the economy, although this may be fairly fragile. Improved auto sales, for example, may be a temporary phehomenon, in effect borrowing strength from upcoming months.

Seasonal improvement should be strong in the Missouri labor markets in September, with no significant declines occurring before winter seasonal conditions drive employment down and unemployment up.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — August, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,502,500	2,496,000	2,387,800	6,500	114,700
Total Employed	2,346,400	2,336,100	2,230,500	10,300	115,900
Total Unemployed	156,100	159,900	157,300	-3,800	-1,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.2	6.4	6.6	-0.2	-0.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Comestics (No. of Jobs)	2,034,800	2,029,800	2,021,300	5,000	13,500
Manufacturing	433,100	429,000	433,000	4,100	100
Durable Goods	248,900	245,900	247,900	3,000	1,000
Nondurable Goods	184,100	183,100	185,100	1,000	-1,000
Nonmanufacturing	1,601,700	1,600,800	1,588,300	900	13,400
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	8,129	8,769	8,396	-640	-267
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	43,969	41,785	43,599	2,184	370
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,624	3,543	3,568	81	56
Amount of Benefits Paid	$15,613,157	$14,582,168	$13,036,040	$1,030,989	$2,577,117
State U.I.	15,298,268	14,315,791	12,733,750	982,477	2,564,518
UCFE	158,022	127,182	155,368	30,840	2,654
UCX	156,867	139,195	146,922	17,672	9,945

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

August, 1985

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The Kansas City Area's unemployment rate rose to 4.8 per cent in August 1985, up three-tenths of a point from the revised July rate of 4.5 per cent. The number of jobless workers was 37,300, an increase of 2400 over-the-month, but down by 3,200 compared to the August 1984 total of 40,500. Total civilian employment fell to 736,600 jobs in August, down by 3,000 from the 1985 peak of 739,600 reached in July 1985. Moderate increases in the seasonal industries, layoffs of temporary government workers and the temporary partial shutdown of an area automobile assembly plant for model retooling contributed to the first monthly decline in civilian employment that the Area has experienced in 1985. The total number of nonagricultural payroll jobs was also down over-the-month by 500 jobs. The civilian labor force at 773,900, also was down for the first month in 1985. The withdrawal of students and summer job seekers brought the labor force down by 600 from the July peak of 774,500. Compared to 1984 levels, civilian employment gained 35,000 and non-farm payrolls added 8,800, while civilian labor force grew by 31,800 over last year's level.

Wage and salaried employment in August 1985 was 675,800, down by 500 from the July 1985 total of 676,500. Overall, most industries showed very minor changes over-the-month. Manufacturing employment increased by 300 jobs during the period. Lumber and Furniture, Primary Metals, Food and Kindred and Printing and Publishing recorded slight increases, while Motor Vehicles posted a minor decline, as a result of the offsetting effects of one area auto assembly plant partially closing for retooling as another plant returned from a short-term layoff. All other manufacturing industries were stable over-the-month.

Among the Nonmanufacturing industries, employment changes were relatively slight. Retail Trade made the greatest advance with a moderate increase of 500 jobs, primarily in department stores and food stores. Construction made its smallest gain, since the January slump, with a modest 300 jobs spread among all types of construction. Seasonal losses in Government held total Nonmanufacturing jobs down by 600 jobs below last month's level. Federal Government lost 600 jobs, primarily among tax processors, while local schools accounted for a loss of 700 State and Local Government jobs over the period.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 8,800 from August 1984 to August 1985, with declines of 2,500 jobs in Durable Goods Manufacturing and gains of 1,000 jobs in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing and gains of 10,300 in Nonmanufacturing. The greatest over-the-year improvement occurred in Nonmanufacturing, spurred by growth in State and Local Government, Services and Construction. More than 3,600, or approximately 70 per cent, of the State and Local jobs added over last year's total were recorded in loael schools. Another 1,400 jobs were gained in state and municipal governments. The second largest number of jobs gained was in Services with 1,600 jobs, concentrated in the business service, primarily in building, personnel and computer services. Another 800 jobs were posted in recreation services and 600 were recorded in the health field. The Construction industry, which added 1,700 jobs over-the-year, added 1,500 of these in special trades contracting. Continuing the trend set in the beginning of the year, most Nonmanufacturing industries showed higher employment levels in August 1985 compared to August 1984. Only Retail Trade lagged behind 1984 employment levels, although employment picked up over-the month. In August 1985 the Area had 900 fewer Retail jobs than in August 1984, with most to the sluggishness occurring in non-store retailing, eating and drinking and apparel stores. On an encouraging note, department stores and motor vehicle dealers showed higher employment levels.

Within the Manufacturing sector, jobs in Durable Goods Manufacturing fell below last year's levels for the second straight month. The timing of retooling in the Area's automobile assembly plants accounted for most of the apparent job loss. Less encouraging are the continuing losses of jobs in Machinery, which lost 700 jobs in the production of construction and material handling equipment, and Primary Metals, which, with a decline of 300 jobs, experienced its fourth consecutive month of lower 1985 employment levels that it had in 1984. All other Durable Goods Manufacturing industries showed gains. Fabricated Metals gained 600 jobs over-the-year and Electrical Equipment gained 700 jobs, as a result of jobs gained in communications equipment offsetting losses in electronics equipment.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 37,300 in August 1985, for 4.8 per cent of the labor force, compared to 34,900 in July 1985, for 4.5 per cent of the labor force and 40,500 in August 1984 for 5.5 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The area's labor market should regain in September 1985 many of the temporary losses sustained in August 1985. The unemployment rate is expected to fall with the opening of area schools. Schools reopening will push employment higher and contribute to further shrinking of the labor force. School transportation related employment will be up, but reported layoffs in the communications field will dampen overall growth in the combined Transportation, Communications and Utilities industry. The completion of model

changeovers will add several hundred to the number of employed. Reports of favorable trends in Retail Sales are expected to gradually improve conditions in Retail Trade. Unemployment is expected to be 4.4 per cent of the labor force September 1985, compared to 4.8 per cent in August 1985, and 4.8 per cent in September 1984.

October 1985 will bring little change in the Area's labor market. Employment growth in State and Local Government, as a result of school employment reaching normal levels, will be offset to some extent by the decline in recreation related services employment. Very little activity is expected in the Manufacturing sector, while Retail Trade may show the slight lull which typically occurs in the interim period between back to school purchasing and Christmas season shopping. Unemployment is expected to be 4.5 per cent of the labor force in October 1985, compared to 5.0 per cent in October 1984.

Kansas City Area-
Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 36,066 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of August 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics	Per Cent
Age: Under 22	19.8
22-44	64.9
45 and over	15.3
Sex: Male	58.5
Female	41.5
Racial or Ethnic Group	
Black	34.8
Other Non-White	1.2
Hispanic	2.1
Miscellaneous Characteristics	**Per Cent**
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	39.8
Veterans	20.3
Handicapped	2.3

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated August 31, 1985.

Job Placements

During August 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,152 and job placements totaled 2,628. There were 1,578 veteran referrals in August 1985, with 317 veteran placements. During July 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 10,561 and job placements totaled 2,536. There were 1,396 veteran referrals in July 1985, with 301 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated August 31, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) August 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	14.4	14.0	12.8
25-34	35.7	35.6	35.7
35-44	26.8	25.6	26.3
45-54	17.3	14.6	16.2
55-64	8.1	7.9	8.0
65 and over	0.7	1.4	1.0
Unreported	0.0	0.1	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.2
Mining	0.2
Construction	5.6
Manufacturing	39.7
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	6.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	16.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2
Services	23.7
All Other	3.6
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11.6
Clerical	16.4
Sales	3.5
Services	10.7
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.3
Processing	1.1
Machine Trades	4.9
Benchwork	5.3
Structural Work	10.4
Miscellaneous	12.5
Information not available	23.3

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,388; 4,256 were male and 3,132 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current: August, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	675,800	676,300	667,000	-500	+8,800
Total Manufacturing	118,300	118,000	119,800	+300	-1,500
Durable Goods	65,300	65,300	67,800	0	-2,500
Lumber & Furniture	3,500	3,400	3,400	+100	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+100
Primary Metal Industries	3,700	3,600	4,000	+100	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	10,000	10,000	9,400	0	+600
Machinery Except Electrical	7,700	7,700	8,400	0	-700
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,400	21,400	20,700	0	+700
Transportation Equipment	11,400	11,600	14,300	-200	-2,900
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(11,200)	(11,400)	(14,100)	(-200)	(-2,900)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	53,000	52,700	52,000	+300	+1,000
Food & Kindred Products	10,100	10,000	9,800	+100	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Printing & Publishing	20,200	20,100	20,000	+100	+200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,900	8,900	8,600	0	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,000	4,900	+100	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	557,500	558,300	547,200	-800	+10,300
Mining & Quarrying	800	800	700	0	+100
Construction	31,100	30,800	29,400	+300	+1,700
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,500	51,500	51,200	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	171,500	171,200	172,300	+300	-800
Wholesale Trade	(53,800)	(54,000)	(53,700)	(-200)	(+100)
Retail Trade	(117,700)	(117,200)	(118,600)	(+500)	(-900)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50,700	50,800	50,200	-100	+500
Services	152,800	152,800	149,800	0	+3,000
Government	99,100	100,400	93,600	-1,300	+5,500
Federal Government	(28,400)	(29,000)	(28,100)	(-600)	(+300)
State & Local Government	(70,700)	(71,400)	(65,500)	(-700)	(+5,200)
In Labor-Management Disputes	300	200	200	+100	+200

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: August, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$425.97	$427.18	$424.26	40.3	4039	40.1	$10.57	$10.60	$10.58
Durable Goods	445.36	451.60	444.31	39.8	40.0	39.6	11.19	11.29	11.22
Lumber & Furniture	319.06	300.23	319.95	40.8	38.1	40.5	7.82	7.88	7.90
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	512.21	531.48	524.70	40.3	41.2	39.6	12.71	12.90	13.25
Primary Metal Industries	416.13	413.14	417.14	37.3	36.6	38.2	11.21	11.29	10.92
Fabricated Metal Products	386.37	394.69	364.85	40.5	40.9	39.7	9.54	9.65	9.19
Machinery Exc. Electrical	410.00	411.60	410.30	40.0	40.0	39.3	10.25	10.29	10.44
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	461.22	463.90	454.78	40.6	40.8	41.8	11.36	11.37	10.88
Transportation Equipment	548.63	564.60	538.08	38.5	39.84	39.0	14.25	14.33	14.16
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(552.48)	(569.54)	(541.50)	(38.5)	(39.4)	(38.0)	(14.35)	(14.43)	(14.25)
Other Durable Goods	269.43	258.82	238.14	38.6	38.4	37.6	6.98	6.74	6.36
Nondurable Goods	394.42	390.60	388.96	41.0	40.9	40.9	9.62	9.55	9.51
Food & Kindred Products	431.86	428.00	443.94	43.1	42.8	42.2	10.02	10.00	10.52
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	214.70	107.69	189.66	36.7	34.5	34.8	5.85	6.02	5.45
*Paper & Allied Products	370.36	388.22	367.61	40.3	41.3	40.8	9.19	9.40	9.01
Printing & Publishing	405.27	393.23	414.18	39.5	39.6	39.0	10.26	9.93	10.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	508.30	497.01	472.06	44.2	44.1	44.2	11.50	11.27	11.68
Petroleum & Coal Products	369.52	367.46	384.39	37.1	36.6	41.6	9.96	10.04	9.24
Other Nondurable Goods	290.56	291.13	283.84	40.3	40.1	42.3	7.21	7.26	6.71

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

August, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate, 7.5%, was unchanged over the month. Unemployment in August stood at 90,500, a decrease of 200 from July. Total employment declined by 4800 over the month to a level of 1,120,000. The decrease in employment was mainly caused by a temporary model change-over layoff of 2700 automobile assembly workers during August. The labor dispute involving 800 workers in the transportation industry had little affect on the total labor market. All other industries recorded small or seasonal changes. Over the year, unemployment has declined by only 100 while employment rose by 36,200. The unemployment rate in August, 1984 was 7.7%. The non-manufacturing sectors continue to be responsible for the majority of employment increases since 1984. There were 900 labor disputants in August, 100 in July, and 2100 in August, 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined by 1600 over the month. Motor vehicles declined 1100 because of the previously mentioned temporary layoff. A seasonal decline of 600 occurred in the aircraft industry while primary metals registered its first 1985 month-to-month improvement, up 400. Over the year, manufacturing has declined by 2100. The only two industries recording significant employment gains were lumber and aircraft. The nondurable goods sector continues to be responsible for the majority of job declines.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment declined by 1400 over the month. A strike affecting 800 automobile transit workers caused the job decrease in transportation. State and local government declined seasonally while small gains were reported in construction and service. Over the year, non-

manufacturing has added 13,200 workers. The service industry registered 7,600 increase, the largest number of jobs added by one industry. Other significant gains occurred in trade, finance, and federal government.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 1700 in August from July. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 1900 and in the Illinois portion they were down 200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
INA	3	4	3	9
Agriculture	24	28	27	22
Mining	19	19	28	27
Constructin	1239	1471	1014	919
Manufacturing Total	4856	4654	3456	5869
Food	353	336	313	290
Textile	24	18	23	22
Apparel	377	212	215	184
Lumber	19	31	35	23
Furniture	94	90	97	120
Paper	133	107	84	85
Printing	167	171	179	131
Chemicals	144	215	218	277
Petroleum	19	16	15	12
Rubber	155	138	120	123
Leather	360	330	297	234
Stone	77	78	49	44
Primary Metal	178	182	151	137
Fabricated Metal	529	449	431	403
Machinery	107	107	95	90
Electrtical Machinery	256	369	220	276
Transportation Equip.	1194	1107	333	2844
Instruments	30	25	11	17
Miscellaneous	638	670	564	554
Public Utilities	672	862	950	923
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2150	2172	2164	2051
Finance	272	310	358	321
Services	5278	5262	5788	5282
All Other	237	217	259	251
TOTAL	14750	14999	14047	15674

Of the 15,674 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in August, 1985, 59.5 percent were male and 40.5 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1607	1590	1928	1542
Clerical	2147	2250	2337	2209
Sales	590	615	618	551
Farm, Fish & Forest	83	77	76	70
Processing	304	272	255	219
Machine Trades	1243	1206	1050	1009
Bench Work	950	860	819	755
Structural Work	1486	1474	1247	1580
Misc. Work	1750	1822	1795	1729
Domestic	33	29	38	40
Other Services	2212	2193	2249	2049
INA	2345	2611	1655	3621
TOTAL	14750	14999	14047	15674

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	41.4	18.3	17.6	39.8	2.1
Placements, %	39.2	13.6	34.3	47.2	2.0

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.7	1.3
Clerical	16.4	12.3
Sales	17.6	21.4
Processing	1.5	2.1
Machine Trades	5.0	4.1
Bench Work	4.2	5.2
Structural Work	11.0	14.2
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.5	3.0
Packaging & Material Handling	8.4	1103
Domestic	0.9	0.7
Other Services	25.6	23.4
Other Occupations	1.2	1.3

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in September, 1985 is expected to be 7.0% and in October, 6.9%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current: August, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,058,400	1,061,400	1,047,300	-3,000	+11,100
Percent Change				-(0.3)	+(1.1)
Manufacturing	228,200	229,800	230,300	-1,600	-2,100
Durable Goods	144,800	146,300	144,900	-1,500	-100
Lumber & Furniture	5,300	5,300	4,700	0	+600
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,600	3,500	3,800	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,800	14,400	15,900	+400	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Products	17,200	17,400	17,500	-200	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,700	18,800	18,800	-100	-100
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,200	15,200	14,900	0	+300
Transportation Equipment	56,700	58,400	56,100	1,700	+600
Motor Vehicles	19,000	20,100	19,100	-1,100	-100
Aircraft & Parts	37,000	37,600	35,800	-600	+1,200
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,300	13,300	13,200	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	83,400	83,500	85,400	-100	-2,000
Food & Kindred Products	21,600	21,500	22,000	+100	-400
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,700	6,600	7,000	+100	-300
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,900	5,900	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,600	16,600	16,600	-100	+100
Chemical & Allied Products	20,700	20,800	20,800	-100	100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	+1000
Leather & Leather Products	4,500	4,600	5,300	-100	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,400	0	-400
Nonmanufacturing	830,200	831,600	817,000	-1,400	+13,200
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Construction	52,400	51,800	53,000	+600	-600
Transportation & Public Utilities	72,700	73,600	73,600	-900	-900
Railroads	7,100	7,100	7,700	0	-600
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,000	38,900	38,600	-900	-600
Communications & Public Utilities	27,600	27,600	27,300	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	252,200	252,500	247,000	-300	+5,200
Wholesale Trade	65,000	65,500	65,100	-400	-100
Retail Trade	187,200	187,100	181,900	+100	+5,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65,000	65,000	63,100	0	+1,900
Service, Except Domestic	255,300	255,000	247,700	+300	+7,600
Total Government	129,000	130,100	128,800	-1,100	+200
Total Federal Government	39,000	39,100	37,800	-100	+1,200
Total State & Local Government	90,000	91,800	91,000	-1,000	-1,000
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	900	100	2,100	+800	-1,200

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: August, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	INA	INA	$433.79	INA	INA	39.4	INA	INA	$11.01
Durable Goods	INA	INA	446.45	INA	INA	39.3	INA	INA	11.36
Lumber & Furniture	357.34	346.98	327.64	41.6	40.3	40.3	8.59	8.61	8.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	398.52	451.41	426.22	36.9	41.3	41.3	10.80	10.93	10.32
Primary Metal Industries	481.85	480.30	428.34	40.8	40.6	36.3	11.81	11.83	11.80
Fabricated Metal Products	435.74	420.86	407.79	42.1	41.1	39.4	10.35	10.24	10.35
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	431.03	429.46	427.57	39.8	39.4	39.7	10.83	10.90	10.77
Elect & Electronic Equip.	316.80	323.83	308.85	39.6	39.3	38.8	8.00	8.24	7.96
Transportation Equipment	INA	INA	569.57	INA	INA	40.8	INA	INA	13.96
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	299.89	293.75	280.86	38.3	38.1	37.2	7.83	7.71	7.55
Nondurable Goods	419.36	410.42	410.41	39.6	39.2	39.5	10.59	10.47	10.39
Food & Kindred Products	494.03	481.32	515.34	40.1	39.1	41.3	12.32	12.31	12.72
Textiles & Apparel	204.05	194.81	198.80	35.0	33.3	34.1	5.83	5.85	5.83
Paper & Paper Products	454.71	426.94	423.27	43.1	40.7	42.2	10.55	10.49	10.03
Printing & Publishing	401.19	399.36	401.86	38.1	38.4	38.2	10.53	10.40	10.52
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	492.89	478.25	453.58	41.7	41.3	40.9	11.82	11.58	11.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	629.26	618.98	593.89	43.1	42.6	42.3	14.60	14.53	14.04
Leather & Leather Products	203.55	204.14	179.09	35.4	38.3	33.6	5.75	5.33	5.33
Other Nondurable Goods	309.68	322.75	319.66	39.3	40.7	41.3	7.88	7.93	7.74

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force increased 900 from July to reach 121,200 in August. This change is the net result of a 1,200 gain in employment and a 300 decrease in unemployment. The number of unemployed persons fell from 5,900 in July to 5,600 in August. The rate of unemployment decreased three-tenths of a percentage point from July to 4.6 percent in August.

During August 1984, 5,600 were jobless and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.8 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Total nonagricultural wage and salaried employment increased from 93,800 in July to 95,200 in August.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,900 for August, remains at the July level. A gain of 100 jobs in the nondurable segment was off-set by a corresponding drop in durable goods manufacturing. During August 1984, manufacturing jobs totaled 20,400.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose from 74,900 in July to 76,300 in August. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since July include: construction, up 200; trade, up 300; and services, up 900. The substantial jump in services mostly reflects seasonal employment changes at private educational institutions.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers fell from $8.89 in July to $8.80 in August. Most of this drop results from an increase in the proportion of lower paid workers. Average weekly hours rose from 38.2 in July to 38.4 in August.

During August 1984, hourly wages averaged $8.28 and the factory work week averaged 39.0 hours.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: August, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	95,200	93,800	94,700	+1,400	500
Manufacturing	18,900	18,900	20,400	0	-1,500
Durable Goods	9,600	9,700	10,900	-100	-1,300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	900	900	+100	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,600	8,800	10,000	-200	-1,400
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,500	+100	-200
Food Processing	3,900	3,800	3,900	+100	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Nonmanufacturing	76,300	74,900	74,300	+1,400	+2,000
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,000	3,700	+200	+500
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Trade	27,100	26,800	26,700	+300	+400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Services	23,800	22,900	22,700	+900	1,100
Government	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	+200
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	9,100	9,100	8,900	0	+200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Overall nonagricultural wage and salaried employment is expected to show a moderate rise in September. Most of the increase will be due to seasonal influences including school openings for the fall term.

The number of unemployed workers will more than likely show a slight decrease in September. It would appear the rate of unemployment will dip about two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent of the labor force.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$337.92	$339.60	$322.92	38.4	38.2	39.0	$8.80	$8.89	$8.28
Durable Goods	329.28	332.50	312.04	38.2	38.0	39.3	8.62	8.75	7.94
Nondurable Goods	349.85	347.66	338.80	38.7	38.5	38.5	9.04	9.03	8.80
Food & Kindred Products	380.65	372.78	369.34	39.9	39.7	39.8	9.54	9.39	9.28
Other Nondurable Goods	333.26	345.42	322.43	38.0	37.9	37.8	8.77	8.85	8.53

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